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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. Most of the references were cited during prosecution of the German priority application 20 2004 005 963 in a search report dated 9 DEC. 2004 and/or in the International Search Report mailed 27 JUL. 2005. Copies of these search reports are furnished herewith. For the convenience of the PTO, to the extent known, English-language equivalents are also furnished. Since no English equivalent of the KALLEE DE-199 57 014, assigned Würth Elektronik, could be found, a contact datasheet for their US Regional sales offices is enclosed. This explanation suffices to make the relevance of the references apparent. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAM. INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US	3,790,916	FEB. 1974	KEITEL/GTE AUTO.ELEC	339	95	AUG. 1972
	US	6,007,376	DEC. 1999	SHIMIZU/HIROSE	439	571	APR. 1998
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	DE	36 18 108 A1	DEC. 1986	KIM et al/GOLD STAR			NO
	JP	01140647	JUNE 1989	YOSUKE/HITACHI LTD.			NO
	DE	38 08 704 A1	OCT. 1989	ZOLLER ET AL/ELCO			NO
	DE	G 90 03 748.0	MAY 1991	?/ ELCO ELEKTRONIK			NO
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	DE	199 57 014 A1	MAY 2001	KALLEE/ Würth Elektronik			NO
	DE	101 57 113 A1	JUNE 2003	CONTI TEMIC MICROEL.			NO
	EP	1 408 584 A1	APRIL 2004	STILLABOWER/DELPHI			= USP 6,790,102
OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)							
		Würth Electronics, Inc., Sales Office Contact datasheet, retrieved 2006 from WWW.WUERTH-ELEKTRONIK.DE.					
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